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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Agency Information Collection Activities; Onshore Oil and Gas Operations and Production**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), are proposing renew an information collection with revisions.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments on this information collection request (ICR) by mail to the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street, N.W., Room 2134LM, Washington DC 20240, Attention: Jean Sonneman; by email to [jesonnem@blm.gov](mailto:jesonnem@blm.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 1004-0137 in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Subijoy Dutta by email at [sdutta@blm.gov](mailto:sdutta@blm.gov), or by telephone at 202-912-7152.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an

opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is the collection necessary to the proper functions of the BLM; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the BLM enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the BLM minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment - including your personal identifying information - may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

*Abstract:* Various Federal and Indian mineral leasing statutes authorize the BLM to grant and manage onshore oil and gas leases on Federal and Indian (except Osage Tribe) lands. In order to fulfill its responsibilities under these statutes, the BLM needs to perform the information collection (IC) activities set forth in the regulations at 43 CFR parts 3160 and 3170, and in onshore oil and gas orders promulgated in accordance with

43 CFR 3164.1. The BLM requests renewal of this control number. The BLM also requests revision of this control number as the result of the rules and the order that are listed in the following table:

**Recent BLM Actions that Affect IC Activities in Control No. 1004-0137**

<b>Title of Order or Rule</b>	<b>Regulatory Information Number</b>	<b>Federal Register Citation</b>	<b>Control Number</b>
Onshore Oil and Gas Operations; Federal and Indian Oil and Gas Leases; Onshore Oil and Gas Order Number 1, Approval of Operations (Final Order)	RIN 1004-AE37	82 FR 2906 (Jan. 10, 2017)	1004-0213 (expires March 31, 2020)
Onshore Oil and Gas Operations; Federal and Indian Oil and Gas Leases; Site Security (Final Rule)	RIN 1004-AE15	81 FR 81356 (Nov. 17, 2016)	1004-0207 (expires Jan. 31, 2020)
Onshore Oil and Gas Operations; Federal and Indian Oil and Gas Leases; Measurement of Oil (Final Rule)	RIN 1004-AE16	81 FR 81462 (Nov. 17, 2016)	1004-0209 (expires Jan. 31, 2020)
Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation (Final Rule)	RIN 1004-AE14	81 FR 83008 (Nov. 18, 2016)	1004-0211 (expires Jan. 31, 2018)

We are requesting that additions be made to control number 1004-0137 as a result of the rules on approval of operations, site security, and measurement of oil. We are also requesting removal of a historic IC activity (“Gas Flaring”) from control number 1004-0137 because the waste prevention rule removed the regulatory authority for that activity.

In addition to the rules and order listed above, we take note of a recent BLM rule on hydraulic fracturing and a recent federal district court ruling. On June 21, 2016, the U.S. District Court for the District of Wyoming set aside a BLM rule on hydraulic fracturing (80 FR 16128 (March 26, 2015)). See *Wyoming v. U.S. Department of the Interior*, Order on Petition for review of Final Agency Action, Case No. 2:15-CV/043-

SWS (D. Wyo.). Previously, the court had issued an order postponing the effective date of the rule. Thus, the rule never became effective, and its pre-approved control number (1004-0203) has never been activated. As a result, we are requesting continuation of the IC activity that would have been discontinued (and would have been replaced with new regulations on hydraulic fracturing) had the final rule become effective. That IC activity (i.e., collection of information on nonroutine fracturing jobs) does not at present appear on the list of IC activities authorized under 43 CFR 3162.3-2 (“Subsequent Well Operations”). However, we intend to conduct a rulemaking in the near future to correct that omission.

*Title of Collection:* Onshore Oil and Gas Operations and Production (43 CFR Parts 3160 and 3170).

*OMB Control Number:* 1004-0137.

*Form Numbers:* Form 3160-3, Form 3160-4, Form 3160-5, and Form 3160-6.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Oil and gas operators on public lands and some Indian lands.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:* 7,500.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 301,663.

*Estimated Completion Time per Response:* Varies from 45 minutes to 40 hours, depending on activity.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 1,762,713.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

*Frequency of Collection:* On occasion, except for the activities listed in the

following table:

<b>Type of Response</b>	<b>Regulatory Cite(s)</b>	<b>Frequency</b>
Request for Approval of a CAA	43 CFR 3173.15	Once
Response to Notice of Insufficient CAA	43 CFR 3173.16	Once
Request for Approval of an FMP for Future Measurement Facilities	43 CFR 3173.12(d)	Once
Request for Approval of an FMP for Existing Measurement Facilities	43 CFR 3173.12(e)	Once
Measurement Tickets	43 CFR 3174.12	Monthly

*Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost: \$28,830,000.*

The following table details the individual components and respective hour burden estimates of this information collection request:

<b>A. Type of Response</b>	<b>B. Number of Responses</b>	<b>C. Hours Per Response</b>	<b>D. Total Hours (Column B x Column C)</b>
Application for Permit to Drill or Re-enter 43 CFR 3162.3-1, 3164.1, 3172.3-1, and Section III.A. of Onshore Order 1 Form 3160-3 and Related Information	3,000	8	24,000
Subsequent Well Operations 43 CFR 3162.3-2 Form 3160-5 On Occasion	15,100	8	120,800
Plan for Well Abandonment 43 CFR 3162.3-4	1,500	8	12,000
Well Completion or Recompletion Report and Log 43 CFR 3162.4-1(a), (b), (d), and (e) Form 3160-4 and Related Information	5,000	4	20,000
Notification of Production Start or Resumption 43 CFR 3162.4-1(c) Form 3160-5	1,000	8	8,000

<b>A. Type of Response</b>	<b>B. Number of Responses</b>	<b>C. Hours Per Response</b>	<b>D. Total Hours (Column B x Column C)</b>
Samples, Tests, and Surveys 43 CFR 3162.4-2	110	8	880
Disposal of Produced Water 43 CFR 3162.5-1(b), 3164.1, and Onshore Oil and Gas Order No. 7	1,500	8	12,000
Report of Spills, Discharges, or Other Undesirable Events 43 CFR 3162.5-1(c)	215	8	1,720
Contingency Plan 43 CFR 3162.5-1(d)	52	32	1,664
Horizontal and Directional Drilling 43 CFR 3162.5-2(b)	2,100	8	16,800
Well Markers 43 CFR 3162.6	1,000	8	8,000
Notice of Staking 43 CFR 3164.1 and Section III.C. of Onshore Order 1	300	16	4,800
Waiver Request 43 CFR 3164.1 and Section III.I. of Onshore Order 1	150	4	600
Application for Suspension or Other Relief 43 CFR 3165.1	100	16	1,600
State Director Review 43 CFR 3165.3(b)	55	16	880
Variance Requests 43 CFR 3170.6 Form 3160-5	100	8	800
Site Facility Diagrams 43 CFR 3173.11 Form 3160-5	9,156	8	73,248
Request for Approval of an FMP for Future Measurement Facilities 43 CFR 3173.12(d) Form 3160-5 One-Time	1,000	8	8,000
Request for Approval of an FMP for Existing Measurement Facilities 43 CFR 3173.12(e) Form 3160-5 One-Time	166,232	8	1,329,856

<b>A. Type of Response</b>	<b>B. Number of Responses</b>	<b>C. Hours Per Response</b>	<b>D. Total Hours (Column B x Column C)</b>
Modifications to an FMP 43 FR 3173.13(b)(1) Form 3160-5	1,000	8	8,000
Request for Approval of a CAA 43 CFR 3173.15 Form 3160-5 and Related Information One-Time	2,162	40	86,480
Response to Notice of Insufficient CAA 43 CFR 3173.16 Form 3160-5 and Related Information	150	40	6,000
Request to Modify or Terminate a CAA 43 CFR 3173.18 and 3173.20 Form 3160-5 and Related Information	500	40	20,000
Request for Approval or Termination of Off-Lease Measurement 43 CFR 3173.23 and 3173.27 Form 3160-5 and related Information	166	10	1,660
Response to Notice of Insufficient Off-Lease Measurement Approval 43 CFR 3173.25 Form 3160-5 and Related Information	15	40	600
Measurement Tickets 43 CFR 3174.12 Monthly	90,000	0.75	67,500
Totals	301,663		1,762,713

An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq*).

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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Information Collection Clearance Officer

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